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This is a decision on the renewed petition, filed September 25, 2005, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The application became abandoned for a failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed January 21, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 24, 2004. On May 11, 2005 a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was filed; however, the petition was dismissed by a decision mailed July 25, 2005. In response, on September 25, 2005, the present petition was filed. The petition is found to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3736 for consideration of the amendment filed September 25, 2005.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.

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